

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 9 April 2024

On Tuesday 9 April 2024 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards and their own independent review of races for races run from 4 April 2024 – 7 April 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Wolverhampton 4 April 2024

Race 6 – The Download The Racecourse App Raceday Ready Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Silvestre De Sousa, the rider of CUBAN HARRY, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 April inclusive.

Lingfield Park 5 April 2024

Race 6 – The Sky Sports Racing Sky 415 Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

David Probert, the rider of the winner, DIAMOND DREAMER, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 April inclusive.

Exeter 7 April 2024

Race 2 – The Exeter Racecourse Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Gearoid Harney, the rider of RIVERS CORNER, placed second, was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 10 days as follows: Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 April, Saturday 4 May, and Monday 6, to Thursday 9 May, one of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Race 6 – The Point-To-Point Bumper Maiden National Hunt Flat Race (Class 5) (Category 3 Elimination) (Gbb Race)

Mr Toby McCain Mitchell, the rider of VENUS QUEEN (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 24, and Friday 26 April, and Friday 3 and Tuesday 7 May.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Philip Spottiswood